

## **ADVISORY PARK BOARD MINUTES**

**April 22, 2011**

**Item 1: Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at **6:35** p.m. by Robert Ranney. Committee members present were Beau Buffington, Marc Cerce, and Robert Ranney. Robert Groves and Mike McWilliams were absent. City Administrator Rick Hess was also present.

**Item 2: Public Input**

No one signed up to speak.

**Item 3: July 4<sup>th</sup> event details and planning**

**a. Music Issues**

We have had several offers from bands wanting to perform at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. The APB has decided to bring the music CD's to the next APB which will be held May 10, 2011. The music will be decided upon soon.

**b. Food Vendors**

Bob Groves has volunteered to handle this task, but was not able to be present at the meeting. Several vendors have already signed up to come. This will be on the agenda again at the next APB meeting.

**c. Inflatables**

Marc made contact with Amberg and ordered the same items that were used last year. A contract has been received. Beau volunteered to call Amberg to make sure that the newest and most popular items will be included for this year.

Beau also offered to seek out sponsors to help with the overall cost of the July 4<sup>th</sup> event. A donation of \$250.00 or more would allow a company's name to be listed on a sponsor display board.

**d. Frisbees**

The Advisory Park Board chose two color combinations for the Frisbees. dark blue with white printing, and neon orange with black print. The hope was to order 500 of each style. However, if we can only go with one selection, then the APB prefers the neon orange combination.

**e. Portable Bathrooms**

Robert Ranney has secured an agreement with Battlefield Septic for 8 portable toilets, 2 handicapped stations, and 2 wash stations.

**f. Boy Scout Involvement**

The APB would be interested in having the boy scouts present the colors at the beginning of the event. More discussion regarding this will be held at the next APB meeting as Bob Groves was not present at this meeting.

**g. Booth Space & Locations**

The APB viewed the layout from last year's booth area. This will be discussed further with Bob Groves at next APB meeting

**Item 4: Renaming City Parks**

The board of Alderman will be conducting a survey in the community regarding this issue through survey monkey. There will also be a notice in the city newsletter notifying residents of this survey and giving them an opportunity to respond with their ideas on this matter.

**Item 5: Cherokee Trail**

Our park has been nominated to be named as a Greene County Historical Site. Bob Ranney has attended a meeting in regard to this nomination. Bob suggested that the APB should collect stories from the Cherokee trail of Tears that people this area might be willing to share. Bob has spoken to the library about this and they have offered to provide a location for people to come in and have their stories transcribed. The library is very interested in having this archive. They have also expressed interest in setting up a booth with books about the Cherokee trail at the city events.

Bob suggested having some stories placed on the city website. He also suggested using podcasting technology for recording and sharing these stories. Rick asked Bob to submit a proposal with purchasing information regarding this equipment.

The people that Bob has been speaking with regarding the Cherokee Trail of Tears are willing to have a meeting soon. Rick suggested having a sign designed for the trail of tears to be posted soon at least as a temporary notice for the residents. The park has been nominated to receive a historical monument for this site. Approval for this is pending.

At the next APB meeting, the park board will also discuss putting in an asphalt trail at the end of Cloverdale.

Beau told the committee about a Cherokee friend of his, Jerry Fretwell, who might be interested in getting involved with some of these events. He also suggested having a special Scottish/Irish themed event at the park.

**Item 6: Tennis Courts**

Bob Ranney is looking into information regarding backboards. He said he will have more information available at the next meeting.

**Item 7: Farmer's Market**

No new information at this time.

**Item 8: Booth at Wilson's Creek Battlegrounds Celebration**

Bob Ranney has been attempting to make some contact with regard to this. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**Item 9: Budget**

The APB began to develop the budget for the next fiscal year.

**Item 10:            Suggestions for the next meeting**

The next APB meeting will be held on Tuesday May10, 2011.

Issues to be addressed:

Continue to develop Budget

July 4<sup>th</sup> event details and planning:

- Music issues
- Food Vendors
- Inflatables
- Frisbees
- Boy Scouts involvement
- Booth space
- Fireworks
- Donations/Sponsors

Renaming the City Parks

New Asphalt path

Cherokee Trail

Tennis Courts

Farmers Market

Booth at Wilson's Creek Battlegrounds Celebration

**Item 11:            Adjournment**

A motion was made by Beau Buffington to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Marc Cerce. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Robert Groves absent, Mike McWilliams absent, and Robert Ranney aye. Meeting adjourned at **8:16** pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Ranney, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Marc Cerce, Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Date